

(a) whether the small scale industrial units are proposed to be encouraged to widen its scope to meet the needs of consumer goods in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN):(a) and (b). The policy measures for Promoting and Strengthening Small, Tiny, and Village Enterprises laid in Parliament on 6.8.1991 are intended to impart more vitality and growth impetus to small Scale Units including consumer goods industries.

Industries Set up in Western Maharashtra

2056. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme for industrialisation in the backward region especially in western Maharashtra is not upto the target fixed for the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the industries set up in the western region of Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(c) the details of schemes for setting up industries during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ):(a) No target was set for industrial development of the backward region especially in western Maharashtra.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Filling up of SC/ST Vacancies in Ministry of Industry

2057. SHRI KISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the backlog of vacancies of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe candidates, both in the category of officers and other categories in the Ministry of Industry in the begining of 1991;

(b) the progress made in filling up the reserved posts during the last three months; and

(c) when the remaining reserved posts are expected to filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The backlog of vacancies of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, as per figures available upto 31.3.1990, are:-

	SC	ST
Group 'A'	33	22
Group 'B'	39	33
Group 'C'	122	119
Group 'D'	18	19
Total	212	+ 193 = 405

Government periodically conducts Special Recruitment Drives to fill up direct recruitment vacancies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Action has also been taken in consultation with State Governments with large SC/ST population to identify eligible and suitable candidates for filling up these vacancies. As